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NO KICKER NEXT WEEK.
As usual, the Kicker will "take Christmas" and no paper will appear—except a small sheet necessary to give the few legal advertisements the required notice. Correspondents will please take a lay-off for the next week, and be sure to respond the week following.

The Kicker is thankful to the people for their liberal support during the year just closing. On my own account I have no room for complaint. My business increases with each year, and so far the subscription receipts for the month have nearly doubled that of the same month last year. The same may be said of other branches of the business. The Kicker is prospering.

But what satisfaction is it to me to have plenty and yet see poverty, misery, injustice, envy and hatred all about me? We who understand the game can float—that is, we can float some. But the less fortunate who have not had the time nor opportunity to study out which end of the dice are loaded, must drift with the undercurrent. By right economy and hard work they may keep their heads above water, but many will sink.

It is to the working masses of Scott county that the Kicker owes its success. And so long as I am connected with the paper it will not prove false to them. These are now taking a step that I have long hoped for—they are organizing. I hope they will succeed. Stumbling places you will find in plenty—but do not fall. It is your only hope.

Again thanking the people for their abundant support, and my correspondents for the able assistance they have given, I wish you, one and all, a merry Christmas and happy New Year, and beg to remain yours truly,
PUBL. A. HAYNER.

FARMER'S UNION PROGRESSING

James E. Kershaw, organizer for the Farmers' Union, was in Benton Friday and called on the Kicker. Mr. Kershaw said he was meeting with much encouragement and that he expected to organize the entire county before leaving. His permanent address is Arlington, Ky.

A few farmers were somewhat agitated over an attack on Mr. Kershaw, last week, by a little 2x4 sheet in the county, and suggested a reply through the Kicker. Space was promptly refused. The Kicker has no space to waste on nothing. The farmers have nothing else to expect from the little sheet owned and controlled by the landholders, capitalists and politicians of the county, and if they can kick up a row—that is what they are after. The farmers would then "take sides," divide as they do in politics, and their attempt to get together would end in failure.

It does seem that, with the persistent pounding of the Kicker, the farmers should see and understand this. An open fight against the organization by its enemies need not be expected. Their puppets will say "we favor the organization," but they have all sorts of ghost stories to tell to try to keep the farmers from getting together.

Discussion is what they aim to bring about, and what the farmers should and must do is to go steadily on and pay no attention to the yelpers who yelp at so much yelp.

In every territory where the farmers have organized they have had this trouble to contend with, and the reason the Kicker has not been more persistent in urging Scott county farmers to organize is that I feared failure. And if you are going to pay attention to every little whisper, snapper that makes a noise, you may as well disband now.

Your troubles have not yet begun. In Oklahoma the organization was all but wrecked by the treachery of its own members. And you may consider yourselves fortunate if you do not run up against the same proposition here.

Capital is cunning and resourceful and banks at nothing. In the cities the workers are organizing right along—although the "agitators"—such as Mr. Kershaw—are often arrested and thrown into prison. Have the workers in the country any reason to expect better treatment?

You may pass this over lightly—but wait 'till it comes to a show-down.

"The little business man" says the Appeal to Reason, "is having a fierce struggle for his life. Here in Girard, where conditions are above the normal, you may hear doleful predictions from the mouths of men who regularly vote for Ruzvlt and Bryan. They begin to dimly feel that they are merely the agents of the trusts, who designate the profit they shall make on every article sold. In 'the good old days' the country merchant had a dozen or more arms bidding for his business and he bought at the lowest figure."

GOV. FOLK'S MESSAGE.

Gov. Folk is preparing his message to the legislature. Among the measures to which the attention of the assembly will be called will be a request for an anti-lobby law which will put a stop to professional lobbying. The full text of this proposed bill, as drafted by the governor, which is a very drastic one, was printed in the GLOBE-DEMOCRAT some time ago. It forbids a lobbyist coming upon the floor of either house except by invitation of that particular house, or of talking for or against any particular bill being considered, except before a legislative committee in regular session.

There will be a recommendation for a general state primary law for the nomination of all officers, including that of United States senator.

Another will be an anti-discrimination law, to prevent corporations selling their commodities at a higher price in one section of the state than in another.

There will be one asking for the regulation of rates of all public service corporations, the rates to be placed on a basis which will bring reasonable return on the actual amount of capital invested.

An anti-pass law will also be proposed. With the suggestion that the issuance of passes be made wholly prohibitive, under severe penalties for its violations, except that employees may be given passes. Reduction in railroad passenger rates and amendments to the present anti-trust laws will also be recommended.

The governor will also ask for an excise law which will put the liquor traffic all over the state under strict regulations, with provisions for its enforcement, and prohibiting brewers or distillers from holding or owning an interest in saloons. Along this line the governor will request that legislation be enacted requiring clubs to be licensed and for the creation of a state excise commission.

He will ask for such amendments to the present race track law as will fully meet the recent decision of the supreme court in the Elm Ridge track case, and which will effectively prohibit race track gambling.

BOOM MISSOURI.

"Five million population for Missouri is the slogan of the Missouri Immigration Society," says a dispatch from Jefferson City.

Of course, this "Immigration Society" is a great thing. It is one of those patriotic institutions that of late have been laboring to compete with the wageslaves already here—and you will hear every wage-slave throw up his hat and shout "Hooray for the Immigration Society!"

Population makes land valuable and the more people the Missouri Immigration Society can bring into the state, the more competition there will be for the land, and therefore the land will become more valuable.

And the press dispatch says more. It quotes the vice-president of the Society thusly: "We will ask the legislature for an appropriation." Why, certainly! Make the two people foot the bill while putting the noose around their necks. That is the way it has always been done—and they seem to enjoy it.

Hooray for the Missouri Immigration Society! Bring on your Dagos, Russians, Chinese, Poles, Hungs and Shavs so as to make our native born laborers known their masters. Let the appropriation be made—as it no doubt will—to pay the expense of sending out agents to bring them in.

LIKE RUSSIA AND COLORADO.
From Cleveland Press.
Chicago is the place where they shoot and kill the poverty-stricken men and boys who pick up a little coal along the railroad tracks.

Several cases of this kind have taken place lately. Only a few days ago a little boy, who was the sole support of his mother and other children, was trying to fill a little basket with nuts, gets that had been jostled from the cars. A private watchman in the pay of the railway company ordered the little fellow to stop. The boy thought the watchman was a highwayman and started to run. The watchman fired on the poor boy, and the latter dropped in his tracks, dying in a few hours.

There was no arrest. Last week an Italian was gathering coal along the tracks. He was out of work. There was no money to buy fuel with which to cook the food for his family. The watchman shouted to him to drop the coal. The unfortunate foreigner did not understand the English language. The watchman shot at the crouching figure "just to frighten the man," as he afterward said. The bullet killed the man instantly.

True, there is one paper in Chicago that mildly suggested that the matter "ought to be brought to the attention of the grand jury." Of course the men and boys who have been killed—no women or girl have been shot, as yet—were "trespassers."

But they were also human beings engaged in a pathetic struggle for existence. And trespass is not an excuse for cold-blooded murder—except in Chicago.

Human life is about as cheap in that city as it is used to be in a frontier mining camp.

When in Benton drop in at the Kicker and get a 1907 calendar.

MORE "PROSPERITY."

The section foreman have formed a trust—or consolidated their efforts and movements. The section hands who struck against a reduction of wages two weeks ago have found other employment, and both foremen now work on one section one day and then on the other section next day. With such a great saving to the company we expect to soon be notified that freight and passenger rates (at least over these two sections) have been reduced.—East Prairie Eagle.

The reduction of freight or passenger rates does not enter into the calculation. The thing in view is "dividends." And the way to produce dividends is to squeeze them out of the wageslaves.

"A dollar twenty a day" is too much to pay the average wage-slave. Suppose he has a wife and three children—the average—why that means twenty-four cents for each work-day to feed and clothe each—and on Sundays and holidays they can go visiting. In case of sickness we have poor houses. That is what the captains of industry call "prosperity for the working men."

That is one result of the rigid economy practiced to produce dividends. Here is another:

Charleston, Mo., December 10.—North-bound Iron Mountain train went into a ditch one mile north of this place this afternoon. The baggage car and smoker were partly demolished. Miss Bertha Schell, a school teacher, was hurt, as was the conductor, neither dangerously. The wreck is believed to have been due to a broken rail. The train was heavily loaded, and all of the passengers were thoroughly shaken.

From all over the country come the reports of wrecks, wrecks, wrecks—with its killed and wounded. Some times the blame is laid at the door of an overworked operator, a switchman, or a drunken man, but generally the dead engineer. Never is the blame placed where it belongs—at the door of the dividend mongers who grind human lives into dollars.

From the best information I have, the wreck at Charleston was caused by the rails spreading. The ties were rotten and the spikes would not hold.

THE SHIP SUBSIDY.

(Extract from Appeal to Reason.)
The whole world of franchised finance is out for a ship subsidy. The president, the cabinet and congress. The multimillionaires are not yet satiated with their gorge. They want more money and want the nation to give it to them. They are having the nation to build a canal to facilitate their plundering, and now they want the nation to give them ships so they can use them. Fabulous fortunes are being accumulated by the shipping trust—and yet, they want the people to give them a bonus on that!

We are giving a subsidy to the owners of mail cars—paying the roads the full price of the cars each six months! That is such a snap that they are demanding the same thing with ships. Why not? You would do it, too, wouldn't you, if you stood in? I hope this subsidy bill will pass. The bigger they make it the better; if they will give enough bonus to build each ship and pay all the expenses of operation, it will be a good thing. The wealth of the nation is not concentrating rapidly enough. It is too slow getting into a few hands; anything that will help the few get it all will be good for the human family. I mean this. I know that as long as the great mass can eke out a miserable existence, it will endure its pain; but when the wealth concentrates far enough the pain will be so great that it will produce revolt, and the whole capitalist system will be blown to atoms. And that is why I want to see the ship subsidy and all the other steals secure the most gigantic advantage over the dull and stupid masses possible.

I know that, though the people can get along, they are being deprived of all that elevates men above the brutes; and that the short, sharp and awakening pains of concentration will be sooner remedied than if it comes as a lingering disease, gradually sapping the health and rendering opposition impossible. Hurrah for the ship subsidy. Give it to them big, Messrs. Millionaires, and give it to them hard. You will have to knock half their brains out before you can wake them.

A PREACHER'S VIEW.

(Extract from a sermon, preached by Rev. James H. Hays, taken from the "East Prairie Eagle.")
Everybody is careful to save from hurt or destruction a young setter dog or Morgan colt, because the dog or colt has a money value that is sacred. Everybody is not careful to save from hurt or destruction the soul and body of the human child, because the human child has a value less sacred than the dollar's, and in the child's destruction dollars can be made.

I wonder sometimes whether our civilization is deliberately disabbling or helplessly insane? It must be to some extent one or the other, or we couldn't possibly put someone in shackles for shooting craps and license other men to work 10-year-old children eleven hours a day; we couldn't possibly regard it as a crime to toss dice and as no crime to destroy children.



A Christmas Present

Worth while is the fine \$50.00 Range I will give away Christmas Eve. Don't fail to be present.

In the mean time the

The Big Holiday Sale

Continues, and with every dollar purchase a number is given that may get this Range. I have the

Finest Line of Christmas Goods

Ever brought on and, owing to my nice display last year during which Santa Claus gave a present to each child, he has agreed to again make my place his headquarters. Come and bring the Children.

B. F. Earles, Morley



A perfectly sane and perfectly God-serving civilization would no sooner tolerate the working of little children than it would tolerate tuberculosis in cotton mills, or other mills, culosis germs for indiscriminate distribution. The cruel, practical, mammonistic atheism which permits the child labor iniquity in this day and generation, is ten thousand times worse than any intellectual, theoretic atheism which ever fell from the lips of Charles Bradlaugh or Robert Ingersoll. Compared with the men whose heart doesn't ache at the thought of a 10-year-old child laboring in an atmosphere of cotton lint eleven weary hours out of twenty-four, Mr. Bradlaugh and Colonel Ingersoll were Christian saints!

ONLY SMOLDERING.

From the Cleveland Citizen.
William English Walling, the well known magazine writer on labor subjects, has just returned from an extended tour of investigation in Russia, accompanied by Mrs. Walling (formerly Anna Strunsky), and will at once give a book of his experiences in the land of tyranny, and the men whose heart doesn't ache at the thought of a 10-year-old child laboring in an atmosphere of cotton lint eleven weary hours out of twenty-four, Mr. Bradlaugh and Colonel Ingersoll were Christian saints!

Benton, Mo., Dec. 20, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus—I want a little wagon and some oranges, and am going to Mrs. Hafner's and she is going to give me a entertainment. I am still in Benton and don't want to go to my papa.
Frank Steck Butler.

Business Locals.

Oranges, twenty cents per dozen at Heisserer's, Benton.

You will want all kinds of candies, fruits and nuts for Christmas. I have them at prices that please. Call to see me and note the freshness of my stock. H. G. Frohne, Morley.

For Sale—A good hill farm two miles west of Commerce. River and railroad near. Easy terms. Apply to Chas. Petty, Commerce, Mo.

Parties hauling gravel off our premises had better consult us before continuing. J. W. Daugherty, 2t.

T. A. Matthews.

FARM FOR SALE—70 acres, all under fence 60 acres in cultivation, joining Illinois on the Southeast.

W. A. Mushbach, Commerce, Mo.

FOR SALE—Robertson separator and 16-horse power Reeves twin engine. Cheap. Apply to.

Otto Heeb, Chaffee, Mo.

NOTICE—Parties wishing to haul sand or gravel off my premises had best come and see me first. Joe F. Ellis, Commerce.

Goods selling as advertised. W. H. Heisserer, Benton.

Children's bear-skin cloaks and fur suits. Mrs. H. C. Vasterling, Edna.

Santa Claus at my place. Fireworks, candy, oranges, apples, bananas, figs, dates, coconuts, etc. H. G. Frohne, Morley.

Home grown leaf tobacco 8c and 10c per pound. B. S. Curd, Morley.

FOR SALE—Good hill farm, 160 acres, 120 cleared, balance in timber. All under fence. Two good homes and barn. Situated about 1/2 miles northwest of Benton. Will sell in bodies of 40, 80, 120 or 160 acres. Apply to John Ledure, Commerce, Mo.

Holly ribbon for tying Christmas packages at Mrs. Vasterling's, Edna.

The Kicker doesn't turn out cheap printing, but good printing. And the best is always the cheapest. Orders by mail receive prompt attention.

FOR SALE—Property of the Oran Baptist church. One frame building situated on two beautiful lots, one a corner lot, in the residence part of town. For terms apply to Rev. Russell Bowman, Chas. Murray, J. W. Clemson or J. B. Finley, Oran, Mo.

\$50 REWARD.—We will pay a \$50 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone guilty of stealing stock belonging to any of our members.

Stockmen's Union, Vanduser, Mo.

JOHN McWILLIAMS.

ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY.

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Call on or Address V. L. Harris or Jos. H. Moore, Benton, Mo. Local Agents.

I have farms for sale of various sizes in Scott county, near Crowder, Kelso, New Hamburg, Oran, Morley, Benton, Cary, Blodgett, Diehlstadt and Commerce. Also 4,000 acres of improved farm land about 50 miles north of Memphis, Tenn., at from \$25 to \$35 per acre on easy terms and in tracts to suit. If you want to sell, list your property with me. I stand a hundred chances to sell to your own. If you want to buy, see 19 D. H. HARPER, Benton, Mo.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.
Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Kelso, Missouri, will be held in their office at said place on the second Tuesday of January (the 8th), 1907, for the purpose of electing five directors, and transacting such other business as may come before said meeting. Polls open from one to three o'clock p. m.
JOS. F. DUNFORD, President.
LEO DOHOGNE, Cashier.

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Reduction Sale Before the Holidays!

Note these Prices. All other Goods Proportionately Cheap:



Corn, per can, -	6c	15c Coffee reduced to	12c
Tomatoes, per can, -	9c	20c Coffee reduced to	17c
Kraut, per can, -	7c	5 gallon jar Kraut,	90c
Layton's Baking P'd'r, -	6c	All best Calicoes, per yd,	5c
Granger twist, 8 for	25c	10c Flannelettes,	8c
8 bars Lennox Soap,	25c	8 1/2c Flannelettes,	6c
10 bars Swift Pride,	25c	7 1/2c Flannelettes,	5c

These Prices are for Cash or Produce.

Santa Claus

Has made Headquarters with me, with a Choice Line of Xmas Trix.

Toys, Dolls, Albums, Candies, Nuts, Fruits, Etc.

Get my Prices on American Fencing.
W. H. Heisserer, Benton